

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 OTTAWA 02753 072119Z

61

ACTION DLOS-06

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 ISO-00 L-03 OES-06 EB-07 SS-15 SP-02

IO-13 H-02 INR-07 PM-04 PRS-01 SAL-01 /080 W

----- 045661

R 072029Z JUL 76

FM AMEMBASSY OTTAWA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 386

C O N F I D E N T I A L OTTAWA 2753

STADIS//////////

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PLOS, CA

SUBJ: LOS: SEA-BED NICKEL MINING

1. EXTAFF LEGAL ADVISER COPITHORNE TOLD POLCOUNS JULY 2 THAT HE DOUBTED CANADA AND U.S. WOULD BE ABLE RESOLVE DIFFERENCES OVER SEA-BED NICKEL MINING BY OPENING OF NEXT LOS SESSION. AS RESULT OF JUNE 16 MEETING, GOC HAS CLEARER VIEW OF U.S. POSITION. IT WAS UNFORTUNATE THAT CANADA HAD NOT BEEN ABLE TO BE IN ON DISCUSSIONS OF SEA-BED MINING WHICH TOOK PLACE IN NEW YORK PRIOR TO ANNOUNCEMENT OF U.S. PROPOSAL: HAD THEY BEEN, IT WOULD HAVE GIVEN MORE TIME TO RESOLVE ISSUE.

2. COPITHORNE WAS FRANK IN STATING THAT NON-CONSULTATION PROBLEM IN NEW YORK WAS NOW SEEN TO HAVE STEMMED FROM A CLASH OF U.S. AND CANADIAN PERSONALITIES. PEOPLE IN OTTAWA ARE NOW CONVINCED THAT PERSONAL ANIMOSITY RESULTED IN THEIR MAN CROSBY BEING "BLACK-BALLED" FROM SEA-BED MINING MEETINGS U.S. HELD WITH LDC LAND-BASED MINING COUNTRIES. NOT ONLY HAD USDEL MADE IT CLEAR CROSBY WAS PERSONA NON GRATA, BUT HAD EVEN GONE SO FAR AS TO SUGGEST THAT PAUL LAPOINTE WOULD BE MORE ACCEPTABLE TO U.S. IN THAT JOB.

3. COPITHORNE MADE IT CLEAR THAT THERE IS NO WAY CANADA CAN ALLOW U.S. OR ANYBODY ELSE TO DICTATE WHO SHOULD REPRESENT IT ON COMMITTEE I. THUS WE ARE STUCK
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 OTTAWA 02753 072119Z

FOR THE NEXT LOS SESSION WITH THE SAME PERSONALITY DIS-

HARMONY, AS WELL AS POSITIONS THAT ARE SUBSTANTIVELY INCOMPATIBLE AND APPARENTLY IRRECONCILABLE. THERE IS UNFORTUNATELY NO DATA BASE EXPERTS CAN AGREE ON: INDEED, WE ARE IN ANOMALOUS POSITION WHERE CANADA SUPPORT ITS POSITION WITH U.S. BUREAU OF MINES STATISTICS WHILE U.S. DEFENDS ITS POSITION USING CANADIAN STATISTICS. COPI-THORNE DID NOT SEE HOW ANOTHER MEETING COULD OVERCOME THESE DIFFERENCES AND FELT WE WOULD HAVE TO RESIGN OURSELVES TO ENTERING AUGUST LOS SESSION AGREEING TO DIS-AGREE.

4. FYI. ABOVE CONVERSATION TOOK PLACE WHEN POLCOUNS DELIVERED JUNE 23 LETTER FROM KATZ TO TOWE ENCLOSING MINUTES OF JUNE 16 MEETING.
ENDERS

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic DecapTIONing: Z
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: LAW OF THE SEA, SEABED, NICKEL, TERRITORIAL WATERS, MINING INDUSTRY, NEGOTIATIONS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 07 JUL 1976
DecapTION Date: 28 MAY 2004
DecapTION Note: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: BoyleJA
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1976OTTAWA02753
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D760262-0189
From: OTTAWA
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1976/newtext/t19760784/aaaacvog.tel
Line Count: 76
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION DLOS
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: STADIS
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: STADIS
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: BoyleJA
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 12 APR 2004
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <12 APR 2004 by greeneet>; APPROVED <03 AUG 2004 by BoyleJA>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
04 MAY 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: LOS: SEA-BED NICKEL MINING
TAGS: PLOS, CA, US, (COPITHORNE)
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006